

30 January 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Walter Elder
Chief, CIA History Staff

SUBJECT : Component Histories in the Directorate
of Intelligence

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum of 24 January 1974

1. Following is a summary of the status of work on component histories currently underway in the Directorate of Intelligence:

[Redacted]

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CRS

A draft of the history of CRS was submitted to the History Staff for review in May 1973. To date the draft has not been returned to CRS, and further action will await completion of the review by History Staff.

OBGI

This Office is tentatively considering some further work on the overview history of the [Redacted] and on the monograph on Automation in Cartography. The results would be intended primarily for internal OBGI purposes, however, and would not require review and "polishing" support from the History Staff since "finished" publication is not contemplated. Copies could, of course, be made available to the Staff for retention as HS/HC documents.

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OCI

- a) The major narrative history of OCI is in final typing for publication. Three volumes of the six-volume work have been typed, and typing is now underway on the fourth volume. The entire task should be completed by May 1974.
- b) The historical monograph on OCI Support for the White House has been completed in draft form and has been submitted to D/OCI for review of the draft. Following his approval it will be submitted to History Staff for review for publication. Assuming no unanticipated delays, completion by 30 June 1974 appears feasible.

OER

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- a) Volume II of [redacted] three-volume history of economic intelligence research in ORR and OER is now ready for final typing. Completion by the end of April is estimated. A draft of Volume III was submitted on 28 January 1974 for review by the History Staff. Assuming no unanticipated delays, Volume III should be completed by 30 June 1974.

- b) The history of the Economic Intelligence Committee should be completed in draft form and ready for History Staff review by early March. This should permit completion of the review process before the end of June 1974, although final typing for publication may extend into FY 1975.

- c) OER is reactivating its revision of the earlier unsatisfactory draft history of CIA Support for the Economic Defense Program, and expects to have a revised draft ready for History Staff review by the end of April 1974. This should permit completion of the review process before the end of June 1974, although final typing for publication may extend into FY 1975.

OSR

The draft history of Development of Strategic Research at CIA has been revised by OSR following review by the History Staff. The revised draft is now being reviewed by the DDI, who was personally much involved in the events recorded. Following his approval it will be ready for final typing. Completion by the end of June 1974 appears feasible.

*Transmitted
to HS on
1 Apr. 74*

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O/DDI

A draft history of the O/DDI covering the period through the tenure of DDI Ray Cline has been completed and submitted to the ADDI for review. Following his approval it will be forwarded for History Staff review. In the meantime, work is proceeding on drafting the final chapter, which covers the tenure of DDI R. J. Smith. It should be feasible to complete the review process for the entire history by the end of June 1974, but final typing for publication will almost certainly extend well into FY 1975.

2. I shall be pleased to discuss these items further at your convenience.



DDI Historian

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DATE: 30 Jan 1974

TO: Paul
FROM: George
SUBJECT: History Program

REMARKS:

Walt Elder has informed me that the CIA History Staff will be terminating its responsibility for, and involvement in, the component history program no later than 30 June 1974.

Attached, FYI, is a copy of the summary I am providing him concerning the current status of DDI component histories still in work. Barring unanticipated complications, it appears that all remaining research, drafting, and review approval can be completed by 30 June, although final clean-copy typing for "publication" (a History Staff euphemism for completion of two or three attractively covered file copies) is likely to extend into FY 1975 in a few cases. This last-mentioned step is done in the DDI component concerned and does not directly involve the History Staff.

I have communicated this to the responsible Historical Officers in each of the components involved, but it might be a good idea for you to mention it at Exec Council as well, just to be certain that such busy people as Ed, Dick Lehman, and yourself are informed and can judge what priority you want to give to your own roles in the review/approval process.

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